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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS CHANGE  
FEDERAL LAW IN ORDER TO ALLOW STATES TO REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP  
AS A REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

Introduced By: Representative Robert A. Nardolillo

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           WHEREAS, In 1993, The United States Congress enacted the Motor Voter Law, which  
2 requires states to use a federal form for voter registration. Federal law prohibits states from  
3 requiring proof of citizenship in order to register to vote; and

4           WHEREAS, In 2013, the United States Supreme Court in Arizona v. Inter-Tribal Council  
5 of Arizona ruled that a state cannot require proof of citizenship for registering to vote because the  
6 federal registration form does not require proof of citizenship; and

7           WHEREAS, Not allowing the states to require proof of citizenship to register to vote  
8 causes voting irregularities and makes it possible for non-citizens to vote in our elections; now,  
9 therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
11 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully requests the United States Congress change federal  
12 law in order to allow states to require proof of citizenship as a requirement to register to vote; and  
13 be it further

14          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul Ryan, Speaker of the United States House  
16 of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, United States House of Representatives Minority Leader, Mitch  
17 McConnell, United States Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer, United States Senate

1 Minority Leader, and the Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

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